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VANDALIA UNION PRINT.

Officers of the Centralia Baptist Association:

W. E. WISE - - - - - - - - MODERATOR
J. B. WEBB - - - - - - - - SECRETARY

Missionary Committee:

H. A. BELTON. J. B. WEBB. W. E. WISE.
J. C. PIGG. JOSEPH GENRE.

Next Session.

The Sixty-first Session of the Centralia Baptist Association will be held with the First Baptist Church of Patoka, Patoka, Ill., beginning on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1901, at ten a. m.

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The Session.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 13, 1900.

Association convened with the Smith Grove Baptist Church at 10:00 a. m.. and was called to order by Moderator, Eld. W. E. Wise. After singing and prayer by the Moderator, Eld. J. C. Myers preached the annual sermon from the text, Eph. 6: 6, which was full of the Holy Spirit, and was an earnest appeal to the Christian for a more consecrated life.

Following the sermon was the reading of the letters from the churches. The following churches responded: Smith Grove, Bethel, Bethany, Carlyle, Central City, Keysport, Iuka, Salem, Marshall Creek, Shobonier, Vandalia, Wisetown.

After the reading of the letters the Association proceeded to organize: The ballot for Moderator was first given, Eld. W. E. Wise was reelected. Second ballot was taken for secretary. Eld. J. B. Webb was reelected. Third ballot was taken for treasurer. Bro. H. D. Chance was elected.

Motion to adjourn until 2:00 p. m carried.

Afternoon Session.

Devotion, half hour led by Bro. H. D. Chance.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. An invitation was given to visitiing brethren to a seat in council with us, and the following names were given:

Eld. F. G. Freeman, as messenger from Rehoboth Association.

Eld. A. N. Blalock.

Eld. J. C. Myers, of Louisville Association, and representative of the Baptist News.

Eld. B. F. Rodman. representing the State Mission Work.

Eld J. W. Beville, of the Springfield Association.

Dr. C. F. Tolman, representing the Foreign Mission Work.

Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, representihg the "Home Mission Work".

Eld. R. Wiley, of Alton Association

Eld. G. D. Solfisburg, representing Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill.

Dr. J. A. Leavitt, President of Ewing College, Ewing, Ill.

Date range: 1900, 1904, 1903

A motion was offered to adopt the Suggested Program, subject to changes as the Association saw proper, motion carried.

Motion was made to allow Eld. B. F. Rodman the privilege to present the State Mission Work. and in his usual inspiring way, spoke with force and power on the much loved subject. He was followed by Eld. W. E. Wise with some very good remarks.

A motion prevailed to give Eld. Rodman a collection for State Missions, which was taken at once.

A motion prevailed to have names of the delegates printed in the minutes.

A motion prevailed that Eld. H. A. Belton, of Salem, preach tonight.

Motion to adjourn to meet at 7:30 carried. Closing by singing "Standing on the Promises "and prayer by Eld. B. F. Rodman.

Thursday Evening, 7:30.

Devotion, half hour led by Bro. T. F. Harley.

Association was called to order by Moderator, and the hour for preaching having come, Eld. H. A. Belton, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, after reading a part of the 15th chapter of Second Samuel, and prayer, preached an excellent sermon from the 21st and 22nd verses of the 15th chapter of Second Samuel. Theme, "The Faith of Ittai." The sermon outline was as follows: (1) Ittai's devotion was tested (2) Ittai's devotion was most worthily displayed. (3) Ittai's devotion was most gladly received.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Singing, "Coronation"

Benediction by Eld. F. J. Freeman.

Friday Morning, Sept. 14, 1900.

Devotion. led by Eld. H. A. Belton. Singing. "Throw Out the Life Line." Reading, Matt. 18th chapter.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. The letters of the churches not having responded were called for. Centralia responded by letter and messenger The Moderator announced that the Sunday School hour had come. and asked Eld. G. W. Danbury to take the lead. In the absence of Supts. Perrine, Cox and Myers, who were to discuss given topics, Brethren Levi Malon, T. F. Harley and C. L. See were asked to take their places.

Eld G W. Danbury gave a very good and telling talk on the Evangelization by the home Sunday School, i. e. to organize Sunday

Schools within our border, at least two or three.

Bro. Levi Malon opened the discussion on the topic, "The Duty of Parents to Sunday School Work," who gave a very good talk, followed by Elds. Danbury and Belton.

Bro. T. F. Harley opened the discussion of the topic. "Duty of Churches to Sunday School Work," followed by Elds. Danbury and Wise.

Bro. C. L. See opened the topic, "Duties of Pastors to Sunday School Work," followed by Elds. Wise, Webb and Myers.

Eld. G. W. Danbury gave a brief statement of his work of the Sunday School in Southern Illinois. Thus closed a very useful and instructive session of Sunday School work.

The hour having arrived for preaching, after singing "Jesus, the Light of the World," and prayer by Eld. J. W. Beville and H. A. Belton, Eld. J B. Webb preached the doctrinal sermon; text, 1st. Psalm, 2nd verse; theme "God's Word, Our Guide."

At this point several announcements were made by representative brethren.

A motion prevailed to adjourn. Closed with praver by Pastor R. Wiley of Greenville, Ill.

Afteroon Session.

Called to order by singing. Devotional services led by Miss Maye McQuinn.

The Moderator assumed charge of business, and after singing and prayer by Dr. C. F. Tolman. Eld. L. D. Osborn made a motion in order to give more time to discuss associational Missions; that Foreign Mission work and A. B. P. S. be postponed until tomorrow morning. Carried.

Report of Associational Missions was called for. Eld. L. D. Osborn, Chr., read report, and after quite a lengthy and instructive discussion, by Elds. Osborn, Solfisburg, Belton, Danbury, Wise, Webb, and brethren Genre and Chance, the report was adopted.

A motion was made by Eld. L. D. Osborn to take pledges tonight for Associational Mission. Carried.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by Eld. Wiley. A motion was made to receive the report. Mrs. E. G. Wheeler. a returned Missionary from the West, was introduced and gave a very interesting talk on the work of Home Mission Society; emphasizing its Evangelistic, Educational and Church Edifice work,

giving a brief sketch of the work among foreigners, and also of her own and her husband's work in California and other places, describing the different forms of worship among the Mexicans. The work in Cuba and Porto Rico was also described to some extent. An appeal was made by Mrs. Wheeler to the Sunday Schools for an annual offering for the Home Mission work. Eld. W. E. Wise made some very good remarks upon the Home Mission work, and recommended the adoption of the Wheel Plan. The report was adopted.

The Wheel Plan.

Our state is divided into five districts or divisions, and as you will see by the Plan, Centralia Association is in the fifth district.

Below you will see the plan of the fifth division:

	SEP. OCT.	NOV. DEC.	JAN. FEB.	MAR. APR.	MAY JUNE
1ST DIST.	State Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Pub Society.	Home Missions.
2ND DIST.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Pub. Society.	Home Missions.	State Missions.
3RD DIST.	Foreign Missions.	Pub. Society.	Home Missions.	State Missions	Education.
4TH DIST.	Pub. Society.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.
5TH DIST.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Pub. Society.

DIAGRAM OF WHEEL PLAN.

A motion was made to adjourn until 7:30. Closed with prayer by Bro. Joseph Genre.

Friday Evening 7:30.

Devotional led by Eld. J. W. Beville, of Pana. Rev. Solfisburg, of Shurtleff College, read the 32nd. Psalm. The Association was called to order by Moderator, and this being the hour for B. Y. P. U., Eld. J. B. Webb took the chair, and the following program was given:

Solo, Eld. H. A. Belton, Salem.

"The Power of Education," Dr. J. A. Leavitt, Pres. Ewing College, Ewing, Ill.

"How Can I Help My Pastor?" Miss Maye McQuinn, Salem.

Discussions were given by H. D. Chance, Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, Elds. G. W. Danbury, H. A. Belton; Bros Joe Genre and G. W. Kretzer.

"The Business Man and the Bible" topic opened by Eld. G. W. Danbury. Others followed.

Reports called for from the Unions.

BETHEL: Joe Genre reports Union well attended and doing well.

CENTRALIA: Miss Hattie Cornell reports not so well attended.

CARLYLE: Miss Hannah Glassford.

MARSHALL CREEK: Bro G. W. Kretzer, meeting good but not largely attended.

SALEM: Miss Maye McQuinn, not so well attended during hot months.

VANDALIA: J. B. Webb, very good meeting, not largely attended.

Nominating Committee: Eld. L. D. Osborn, Joe Genre and T. F. Harley.

Report of Nominating Committee: Pres. J. B. Webb; Sec., Miss Maye McQuinn; Treas.. H. T. Cunningham. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for the election of the above named officers. Carried.

J. B. WEBB, President. MISS MAYE MCQUINN, Secretary.

In the absence of the Moderator, Eld. W E. Wise, Eld. L. D. Osborn was appointed to act in that capacity; and in absence of the Moderator and the lateness of the hour, a motion was made and carried to take pledges on the following day for Associational Missions. After singing "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord" and prayer by Bro. H. D. Chance, adjourned.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 15.

Met at 9:00 o'clock.

Devotional services led by Eld. H. A. Belton.

Singing "Happy Day".

Scripture Lesson John, 3rd chapter: 5-12.

Association opened with Eld. L. D. Osborn as Moderator pro tem.

A motion prevailed that we pass over the woman's work for the present and take up the work of the American Baptist Publication Society and Foreign Missions.

The report of the committee of American Baptist Publication Society was read and received. Rev. G. W. Danbury, representing the work, spoke of the work of the Society, especially of its Colportor, Bible, Sunday School and Missionary work, showing that it was doing an immense amount of work among the people. The report was adopted.

At this point the Moderator informed us that no one had been selected to preach at 11 o'clock, and a motion prevailed that Eld. F. J. Freeman, of Rehoboth Association, be asked to preach.

Report of committee on Foreign Missions was called for, read and received. Rev. Dr. Tolman, of Chicago, representing Foreign Missions, gave a very spirited talk as he can always do on this work with so much interest. He made the assertion that the missionaries of China were not responsible for the recent trouble in that country, but that the capitalists and powers are largely responsible in their greed for commercial gain. Report adopted.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

The hour having come for preaching, five minutes recess was taken.

Called to order by singing.

Eld. F. J. Freeman preached to the Association from the 4th chapter of First John and 2nd verse. "Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." His sermon was filled with the true gospel spirit of Sonship, and had the true ring of the gospel truth of salvation.

After the sermon the Moderator made an appeal to the Association for pledges to apply on the Mission work in the bounds of the Association, which was very successful.

Adjourned.

Saturday, 2:30 p. m.

Called to order by the Moderator, and after reading the 92 Psalm, Bro. A. Andereck led in prayer.

The Sunday School report was read by Eld. G. W. Danbury, and adopted.

The report of committee on Education was read by Eld. L. D. Osborn and adopted.

The report of committee on Next Session was read by G. W. Kretzer and adopted.

The report of committee on Digest of Letters was read by Henry Stacklin and adopted.

The report of committee on Obituaries was read and referred back to committee for a more full report and notice of the character of some of the deceased brethren.

The report of committee to nominate a Missionary Board was read and adopted.

The report of eommittee on Resolutions was read by Eld. J. B. Webb, and after some discussion, was adopted.

The Standing Committee was announced by Moderator.

A notice was given by the clerk to the Association, that he would make a motion at next session to change article 2 of the constitution to read, "Wednesday at 2:00 o'clock" instead of Thursday as at present.

A motion prevailed to allow the clerk five (5.00) dollars for his services.

Standing Committees.

STATE MISSIONS.

P. V. Ulmet, G. W. Kretzger, H. D. Chance.

HOME MISSIONS.

Eld. J. B. Webb, Commodore Mills, Joe Genre.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

H. T. Cunningham, A. Andereck, John Pigg.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

J. J. Myers, C. L. See, Chas Cox.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Samuel Phillips, Eld. J.B. Webb, Eld. H. A. Belton.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Eld. G. W. Danbury, Philip Genre, John Rogier.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Miss Carrie Perrine, Mrs. E. Stephens, Miss Sarrh Rogier.

PROGRAM.

Pastor of Patoka Church, Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Reports of Committees.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Missionary Committee is glad to be able to report more progress this year than for several years past, due to the fact, that between seventy-five and one hundred dollars was pledged one year ago for Associational work.

Instead of putting a separate missionary in the field, the committee thought best to ask our State District Missionary, Bro. B. F. Rodman, to give a part of his time to work within our Association. For this service he was paid twenty-five dollars ($25) to apply on his salary. By this arrangement we have had the desired work done within our own borders, and at the same time assisted in the support of the State work. The following is Bro. Rodman's report:

Carlyle, 13 days, 17 sermons, 11 prayer meetings, 11 received for baptism, amount collected $16.51.

Central City, 17 days, 19 sermons, addition by baptism 18, and other ways 7, total 25, amount collected $7.50.

Salem, 11 days, 15 sermons, addition by baptism 1, by letter 4, amount collected $7.

It will thus be seen that Bro. Rodman labored for us 41 days, and that 41 persons were added to the churches, 30 of these by baptism. In addition to this the churches were revived and strengthened. The churches at Carlyle and Salem called pastors immediately after the meetings.

Besides Bro. Rodman's work, the Committee requested Rev. W. E. Wise to assist the pastor at Iuka, one of our weakest churches, in a series of special meetings. While the result in additions were not large, the church was encouraged.

Rev. J. B. Webb also held a series of meetings at Shobonier.

Believing that the money pledged one year ago has been most helpful to the Association, we advise that such work be continued for the coming year in as close connection as possible with the State Missionary. But this work is not enough. We are convinced, that the Master's cause can not prosper as it ought amongst us, as long as the pastors are separated from the churches, and pay only a flying visit once a month.

We therefore most earnestly review the recommendation made for several years past, that adjoining churches unite in calling the same pastor and require him to live in the territory of the churches which he has in charge, and to do pastoral work: without which, no church is permanently blessed, and no community reached for the Master.

We wish also to suggest for your consideration the purchase of a

tent by the Association for the purpose of more effective work in our country districts and village churches during the summer months.

L. D. OSBORN,
W. E. WISE,
J. B. WEBB,
JOE GENRE,
J. C. PIGG. } Com.

State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions submit the following report:

As our state, Illinois, presents a great and inviting field for Missions, the Baptist General Association is the only society doing Mission work in this great field. Some of the work is done in our own Association. We urge and recommend that an annual collection be taken in all our churches, to aid in this work.

P. V. ULMET,
E. E. STEPHENS } Com.

Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

The watchword of the American Baptist Home Mission Society is "North America for Christ." This has not yet been accomplished, and since the origin of the watchword, there has come to us still another field to conquer, Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii. Shall not this stimulate us to a more systematic and earnest effort to bring to pass the great work that God has laid upon us to do? In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, the regular Chapel Day offering of the Sunday School has been dispensed with. Therefore we urged the Sunday School to make its offering with the church when the regular time comes. adopting the "Wheel Plan" adopted by the Association.

Therefore in view of our new possessions coming to us, and the enlarged emigration to our country, we urge our churches to enlarged contributions and to send the same to the District secretary, Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 912 East 15th Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

R. WILEY,
P. V. ULMET } Com.

Foreign Missions.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions:

We cannot fulfill all of the Lord's commissions by individual and church work in our own neighborhood, even in our own country. Inasmuch as the commission is world-wide in its scope our christian activity also must be world-wide.

Your Committee therefore strongly recommends, that each church in our Association take a special collection at some time during the year for the work of Foreign Missions.

Our Missionary Union can expend only what the churches give. If we withhold our gifts the Master's cause must suffer loss, but our responsibility does not end with our giving. We urge upon every church the need of a Missionary Society within its own members, that shall obtain missionary knowledge, and stir up the missionary spirit. We also remind you of our Lord's injunction, "to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborors into the field." and we call upon all who love His cause to pray in earnest faith for the prosperity of the work beyond the seas.

We deplore the condition of affairs in China, and most earnestly recommended that as an Association, we pray to Almighty God, that through His providential guidance and help, what now seems to be darkness, treachery, superstition and despair, may be turned into Gospel light, happiness, prosperity and peace.

CARRIE PERRINE,
MAYE MCQUINN, } Com.
MRS. L. D. OSBORN.

Sunday School Work.

Your Committee on Sunday School Work reports the following:

That as recommended by the Association at the last session, Bro. Wise in company with the Sunday School Missionary, visited the following churches, in the interest of our Sunday School work: Keysport, Wisetown, Bethany and Smith Grove. We believe the work is growing in interest and would recommend that Eld. W. E. Wise be continued as Superintendent of the Associational Sunday School Mission work, and that he in connection with the pastors and superintendents of schools arrange for Institute and Sunday School Mission work for the ensuing year, and that we ask the fullest co-operation in this department of our Lord's work. We also ask that an honest effort be made to secure five cents per member from our schools for the support of our Baptist State Sunday School Work.

ELD. G. W. DANBURY,
LEVI MALON. } Com.
ELD. F. J. FREEMAN.

Education.

Report of Committee on Education is as follows:

As the condition of work and living have changed, the children do not have a chance in the world today that their parents had fifty years ago, without a much better education, and the more a man has of it, other things being equal, the better is his chance of success. But education is more than power; a true education is the key to self-control and self expansion; it enlarges the capacity for happiness as well as for usefulness; it stimulates worthy ambition and developes character. Especially is this true of Christian education.

We therefore urge upon our young people the importance of improving to the utmost their many excellent opportunities for securing an education, and to remind the parents also of their obligations to give to their children every possible encouragement and assistance in their efforts.

ELD. L. D. OSBORN, } Com.
ELD. J. B. WEBB. }

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third Sundays; church supplied on alternate Sundays by Lucien Mellera; not in as prosperous condition as desired; some difficulties; have prayer meeting, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Ask prayers of brethren.

CENTRALIA—Eld. L. D. Osborn. The past year has been one of great blessing, have completed new house of worship and dedicated free of debt; had special meetings during the year, resulting in much good. Their present pastor has accepted other work; mourn loss of two members, Sister Joliff and Bro. Miles, senior deacon.

CARLYLE—Eld. J. R. Kelley one half time; some advancement during the year; have been called to mourn the loss of three members by death Bro. John Wade, John Journey and Sister Elizabeth Barkeley.

CENTRAL CITY—Are looking for a pastor; have been blessed during the past year; membership has been increased from 13 to 38; have built a new house and dedicated it free of debt; ask your prayers.

IUKA—Have called Eld. J. R. Kelley as pastor; one baptism; have prayer meeting and Sunday School; ask prayers.

KEYSPORT—Eld. J. H. Jones; have good congregations; are expecting revival during coming year; mourn death of one.

MARSHALL CREEK—Had meeting during the year, resulting in six additions to the church; have good prayer meeting and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. No pastor.

SHOBONIER—Without pastor; no increase during the past year, some decrease. Only 6 or 7 active members. Ask help from mission board.

SMITH GROVE—Nothing special to report. No increase, seven decrease. No pastor. Have Sunday school.

SALEM—Eld. H. A. Belton pastor. Have had increase during past year. Church in much better condition than for years. Pastor and members working together. Feel grateful to God for their pastor and devoted wife. Have good Prayer Meeting, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Mourn loss of one brother, W. I. McQuinn, who died last October.

PATOKA—Eld. J. R. Kelley, pastor. Had good meetings during the year. Mourn loss of one by death, Bro. John Chilton. Ask Association to meet with them next year.

VANDALIA—Eld J. B. Webb, pastor. Have made some progress during past year. Have been called to mourn loss by death, their former pastor, Eld. Geo. F. Hilton. Have Prayer Meetings, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

WISETOWN—Eld. W. E. Wise pastor. Have good Sunday school.

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WISETOWN—1, Sister Elizabeth Cornwell.

CENTRALIA—2 { Deacon Chas. Miles, / Sister —— Jolliff.

SMITH GROVE—2 { Sister Allie Smith, / Other name not given.

DIAMOND SPRINGS—1, Name not given.

The Christian character and long service of a few of these deserve special mention:

Rev. Geo. F. Hilton was for several years pastor of the church at Vandalia, Ill., where he labored faithfully and saw his work crowned with success, in the erection of a new church building and abiding results.

Deacon Chas. Miles was for years a strong support of the church in Centralia. He was a man of upright character and strong piety, who honored the Gospel which he professed.

Bro. John Wade was one of the pioneers of the Carlyle church and of our Association.

Brother W. I. McQuinn, of Salem, was another Christian pioneer, having been a member of the Baptist church for fifty-eight years.

Sister Allie Smith, of Smith Grove church, passed away in the prime of life after a long illness borne with much Christian patience.

The passing of these, our fathers, brethren and sisters, reminds us that our citizenship is not here, but in Heaven, whither we also hasten.

A. ANDERICK,
H. D. CHANCE,
LUCIAN MELLERA. } Com.

Auditing Committee.

We, your committee, have examined the treasurer's book and found same correct, with following account:

Received from former treasurer, A. Andereck	$ 3.25
For printing minutes	25.82
Total receipts	29 07
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid for printing minutes	$22.00
Paid for blanks, letters, programs, postage, express	4.75
Clerk's hire	5 00
Total	31.75
Total received	29.07
Balance due treasurer	2.68

T. F. HARLEY,
P. V. ULMET,
AUGUST E. GENRE. } Com.

Woman's Work.

We, your Committee, report that as the Woman's Work has not taken on a very active form in this Association, we recommend the organization of a woman's society in each church, or at least where it is practicable, and that such literature be introduced as would be conducive to the best possible advantage, and that we urge upon our sisters to give their time, money and prayers to the Woman's Work.

MRS. J. B. WEBB,
MRS. E. G. WHEELER, } Com.
MRS. E. E. STEPHENS.

Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

Inasmuch as there is urgent need of a better system in our missionary offerings, and inasmuch as our State Association has recommended the adoption of the "Wheel Plan" to meet this need, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, as an Association, express our approval of this plan, and urge our churches to adopt and live up to the same, and that the arrangement for our Association be published in the minutes.

2. We also recommend to our churches the support of the aged Minister's Home at Fenton, Mich.

3 RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation for the cordial entertainment of the Association by the members and friends of the Smith Grove Baptist church.

4 WHEREAS, we believe that the churches have fallen into a cold and worldly indifference

RESOLVED, that we earnestly recommend that we go from this Association with a fixed determination, by the help of God, to do all in our power to help raise our churches to a more spiritual standard as an Association.

ELD. H. A. BELTON.
H. D. CHANCE,
LEVI MALON, } Com.
MOSES PARKER,
MAYE MCQUINN.

Digest of Letters.

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, report the following:

BETHEL—No pastor; had revival during the year, resulting in much good: have prayer meeting; no Sunday School. Attendance at prayer meeting not as good as desired.

BETHANY—Eld. W. E. Wise pastor, who preaches on first and

third Sundays; church supplied on alternate Sundays by Lucien Mellera; not in as prosperous condition as desired; some difficulties; have prayer meeting, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Ask prayers of brethren.

CENTRALIA—Eld. L. D. Osborn. The past year has been one of great blessing, have completed new house of worship and dedicated free of debt; had special meetings during the year, resulting in much good. Their present pastor has accepted other work; mourn loss of two members, Sister Joliff and Bro. Miles, senior deacon.

CARLYLE—Eld. J. R. Kelley one half time; some advancement during the year; have been called to mourn the loss of three members by death Bro. John Wade, John Journey and Sister Elizabeth Barkeley.

CENTRAL CITY—Are looking for a pastor; have been blessed during the past year; membership has been increased from 13 to 38; have built a new house and dedicated it free of debt; ask your prayers.

IUKA—Have called Eld. J. R. Kelley as pastor; one baptism; have prayer meeting and Sunday School; ask prayers.

KEYSPORT—Eld. J. H. Jones; have good congregations; are expecting revival during coming year; mourn death of one.

MARSHALL CREEK—Had meeting during the year, resulting in six additions to the church; have good prayer meeting and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. No pastor.

SHOBONIER—Without pastor; no increase during the past year, some decrease. Only 6 or 7 active members. Ask help from mission board.

SMITH GROVE—Nothing special to report. No increase, seven decrease. No pastor. Have Sunday school.

SALEM—Eld. H. A. Belton pastor. Have had increase during past year. Church in much better condition than for years. Pastor and members working together. Feel grateful to God for their pastor and devoted wife. Have good Prayer Meeting, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Mourn loss of one brother, W. I. McQuinn, who died last October.

PATOKA—Eld. J. R. Kelley, pastor. Had good meetings during the year. Mourn loss of one by death, Bro. John Chilton. Ask Association to meet with them next year.

VANDALIA—Eld J. B. Webb, pastor. Have made some progress during past year. Have been called to mourn loss by death, their former pastor, Eld. Geo. F. Hilton. Have Prayer Meetings, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

WISETOWN—Eld. W. E. Wise pastor. Have good Sunday school.

Mourn loss by death, one sister, Elizabeth Cornwell. Ask prayers of the Association.

ZION HILL—Eld. W. W. Hay, pastor. Have made some progress during past year. Have good Sunday School and Prayer Meetings.

ELD. J. C MYERS,
STELLA A. DELASSUS, } Com.
HENRY J. STACKLIN.

Next Session.

Your Committee on Next Session would report the following:

Next session to be held with the Patoka Baptist church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday of Sept. 1901 at ten o'clock. The annual sermon to be preached by Eld. J. B. Webb, of Vandalia, alternate. Eld. Alonzo Rollins, of Vandalia. Doctrinal sermon, Eld. H. A. Belton, of Salem, alternate, Eld. B. F. Rodman, DuQuoin.

L. D. KESTERSON,
G. W. KRETZER,
WM. POWELL, } Com.
HANNAH GLASSEORD,
COMMODORE MILLS.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the Clerk and Moderator read the mauuscript together, carried. A motion made by Bro. G. W. Kretzer to adjourn to meet with the Patoka Baptist church, on Thursday before the third Sunday in September 1901, at ten o'clock.

ELD. W. E. WISE, Moderator.

ELD J. B. WEBB, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This association shall be called the "Centralia Baptist Association" and shall be composed of Delegates appointed by the Churches represented in this body. These Delegates shall be regular members of the Churches by which they are appointed, and each church composed of twenty-five members or less shall be entitled to three Delegates, and one additional Delegate for each subsequent twenty-five or fraction thereof.

ART. 2. The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the third Sunday in September at 10 o'clock a. m., at the place appointed at the previous meeting.

ART. 3. This Association shall be organized by the election of

a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot, and by a plurality of votes. The duties of these officers shall be those usually assigned to such officers in similar bodies.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of each Church in this Association to communicate by letter particulars relating to its state, the changes that have taken place during the past vear, the whole number of members in its communion, the amount of its contributions to benevolent objects, the amount paid for current expenses, and whatever else may help to give a correct view of its condition and prospects.

ART. 5. Any Baptist Church wishing to become associated with this body may apply by letter and messengers, and upon giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in Doctrine and correct in practice, may be enrolled with the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting. And whenever, in the judgment of the body, a Church shall have ceased to be sound in Doctrine or correct in practice, it may be dropped from the Association by a similar vote.

ART. 6. This Conititution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided, that notice of such alteration or amendment shall have been given at a previous Annual Meeting.

Standing Rules of Order.

1. The business of every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Immediately after the organization the Moderator shall invite ministering brethren, and all messengers of corresponding bodies to a seat with us, and request them to report their name to the Clerk. Brethren whose names are so entered may debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

3. An Introductory and Doctrinal Sermon shall be preached before the Association, and a collection taken for Associational Missions.

4. At each Annual Meeting the following committees shall be appointed, namely:

A Committee of Arrangements, whose duty it shall be to arrange in advance the program for the Annual Meeting and notify those who are to take part at least two weeks before the Association convenes. This committee shall be appointed one year in advance: and vacan-

cies occuring shall be filled by the Moderator at least one month before the Annual Meeting.

A Committee on Next Session, to recommend a place for holding the next Annual Meeting, and to nominate the Preacher and Alternate of the Introductory and Doctrinal Sermons.

A Committee on Resolutions.

A Committee on Digest of Letters.

A Committee on Obituaries.

A Committee on Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts.

A Committee on Reception of New Churches.

A Committee to nominate a Missionary Committee of five members, the Chairman of which shall represent the Association in the State Board.

5. Order of Business:

Reading of Letters from Churches.

Election of Officers.

Invitation to Visiting Brethern.

Appointment of Committees.

General Business.

Reports of Committees.

Report of Treasurer.

Reading of Minutes.

Adjournment.

6. No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being made aud seconded, and no member shall speak more than twice to any motion without permission of the body.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes unless so ordered, nor shall they be renewed during the Annual Meeting, unless moved by a member voting in the negative.

8. The minutes shall be read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

9. These rules may be altered or amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present and voting.

B. Y. P. U. CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be the Baptist Young People's Union of the Centralia Association.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this organization shall be the unification of the Baptist Young People; their increased spirituality; their stimulation

n Christian service; their edification in Scripture knowledge: their nstruction in Baptist Doctrine and History, and their enlistment in ıll Missionary activity through existing denominational organiza- ;ions.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates 'rom Young People's Societies in Baptist churches of the Centralia Association and from Baptist Churches within the same limit having ıo young people's organization.

ARTICLE IV.—REPRESENTATION.

Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every wenty members or fraction thereof in each Young People's Society. n a church where no Young People's Society exists the church shall ›e entitled five dele gates for every fifty members or fraction there- ›f. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an ›fficer of the Young People's Society, or by the Clerk of that church n which no Young People's Organization exists.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Junior Leader. Each of ;hese shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices and ;hall be elected annually by ballot.

ARTICLE VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union, ;nd at least three additional members who shall be elected by ballot ;t the Annual Meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered o employ—as far as funds are available—such agencies as may be ıecessary to extend and cultivate Baptist Young People's organiza- ;ions.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS.

The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Jnion by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice there- ›f having been given at least 24 hours previously.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCH—DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR—DATE OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERK—P. O. ADDRESS.	Additions				Diminution				Present Memb'rship
			Baptism	Letter	Exper'nce	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Erased	Death	
Bethel.....1832	No Pastor.....	W. R. McClelland .....Odin	4	2			2	1			63
Bethany..... 1852	Eld W E Wise, Beaver Cr. 1895	Sarah C. Rogier....Highland		2							103
Centralia..... ... 1864	Eld. L. D. Osborn.....1897	W S Perrine.....Centralia	33	3	1	1	13	2		2	269
Corlyle..... ..1863	Eld. J. R. Kelley, Ewing.....	Jennie E. Ford.....Carlyle	11				1			3	88
Central City.....1899	No Pastor.....	Bessie Gramlick, Central City	18	5	2	1					38
Diamond Springs...1836	No Pastor.....	J. C. Pigg..... ..Boulder								1	70
Harmony.....	Eld. E. Payne, Litchfield.....	Maud Bayliss..... Kinmundy					1	1			43
Iuka.....1898	Eld. J. R. Kelley, Ewing....	Clara Holstlaw..... ....Iuka	1								13
Keysport... 1887	Eld. J. H. Jones, Coffeen.1898	Chas. E. Dunn.....Keysport	1			1				1	17
Marshall Creek....1835	No Pastor.....	H. D. Chance.....Tonti	6	1			1				97
Patoka 1883	Eld. J. R. Kelley.....1899	James W. Talbert ....Patoka	4				2			1	62
Salem... 1837	Eld. H. A. Belton.....1900	Maye McQuinn..... Salem	3	6		1	8	2		1	40
Shobonier.....1869	No Pastor..	M. E. Mitchell.....Shobonier					7				30
Smith Grove.....1869	No Pastor	Henry Stacklin...Stubblefield					2			2	46
Vandalia.....1894	Eld. J. B. Webb.....1899	Chas. E. Cox.....Vandalia	11	5	3	1	2	5		2	91
Wisetown.. 1881	Eld W E Wise, Beaver Cr.....	J. M. Myers....Beever Creek		4				1		1	75
Zion Hill..... 1860	Eld. W. W. Hay, Mt. Ver. 1892	W W Phillips..... Centralia	6				3				89

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Valuation of Property.	Current Expense	Perm. Improvements.	Minutes....	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Ministerial Education	District Missions	Other Objects
Bethel	$ 700 00	$ [illegible]47	.....	$1 45	.....	1 35	2 37	.....	....	....	....
Bethany	400 00	253 30	.....	2 00	.....	5 00	5 30	.....	....	5 00	...
Centralia	20000 00	1657 61	$2000 00	4 00	26 75	25 00	53 00	.....	28 60	17 00	74 00
Carlyle	1500 00	168 38	.....	2 00	16 51	.....	....	.....	....	....	....
Central City	800 00	50 00	800.00	67	14 30	18 60	.....	.....	....	....	....
Diamond Springs	500 00	125 00	.....	1 50	.. .	1 00	.....	.....	....	1 00	1 00
Harmony	500 00	100 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	....	2 00	...
Iuka	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....
Keysport	800 00	.. ..	.....	50	20	20	.....	.....	....	....	....
Marshall Creek	1000 00	160 00	. .....	1 51	.....	1 50	.....	. ...	....	....	2 50
Patoka	1500 00	165 43	.....	2 00	3 06	3 06	3 06	.....	....	....	...
Salem	3500 00	479 05	.....	1 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	.....	....	2 00	....
Shobonier	600 00	50 00	.....	1 00	5 08	....	.....	.....	....	5 44	...
Smith Grove	1000 00	200 00	. .....	1 50	14 35	1 20	.....	.....	....	1 20	5 00
Vandalia	6000 00	400 00	.....	2 00	15 00	.....	2 02	4 00	....	3 00	1 77
Wisetown	1000 00	200 00	.....	1 50	1 00	50	.....	.....	....	6 49	1 00
Zion Hill	1000 00	134 50	....	2 00	....	12 00	.....	.....	....	2 55	....

NAME OF CHURCH.	Sunday School Financial Work.						Woman's Work.					B. Y. P. U. Work.				
	Home School Expenses.	Home Missions	State S. S. Work	Bible Pub. Work	Other Objects		Home Ch. Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions		State Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	S. S. Library	
Bethel																
Bethany	28 00	2 00	4 50						7 50	7 53		2 00			25 00	
Centralia	119 36		5 00	19 39	3 75				61 92	56 10			8 00			
Carlyle	20 45				18 50					4 75						
Central City	52 00		13 50		12 00											
Diamond Springs	15 00	2 45	1 30													
Harmony	9 85		2 60													
Iuka			1 00													
Kevsport	35 60		40													
Marshall Creek	6 10			1 14	21 52											
Patoka	16 06															
Salem	15 84		3 50											22 50		
Shobonier	9 60		1 00		3 50											
Smith Grove	14 68		3 00													
Vandalia	44 20		3 41		40 21									1 50		
Wisetown	50 00		4 84													
Zion Hill	8 00		4 55	7 00												

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	No. of Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	No. Ch Mem in School	No. Months kept in Yr.
Bethel								
Bethany	Wm B. Rogier, Sabastapol		1	7	100	75		
Centralia	W. S. Perrine		1	19	250	190		12
Carlyle	L. B Ford		1	6	66	42		
Central City	Geo. M. Clements, Central C.		1	5	50	40		
Diamond Springs	W. A. Caohr, Boulder		1	3	50	35		
Harmony	C. L. Sec, Kinmundy		1	4	40	30		
Iuka								
Keysport	J. M. Ditsch, Keysport		1	5	56	40		
Marshall Creek	G. W.Kretzer, Tonti		1	10	79	35		
Patoka	Ed Irvin, Patoka		1	5	80	50		
Salem	Jennie Clark		1	6	50	30		12
Shobonier	B. F. Burnett, Shobonier		1	4	50	21		12
Smith Groye	W. A. Stubblefield		1	5	90	30		12
Vandalia	Chas E. Cox	Josie Miller	1	14	130	70	16	12
Wisetown	J. J. Myers	Margarie McNeill	1	11	60	35	25	12
Zion Hill	S. T. Phillips, Centralia	Beaver Creek	1	5		40		12

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date	PLACE OF MEETING.	PREACHER.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	Baptism	Membership
1840	Union Church					
1841	Vandalia					
1842			G. Stacy	S. K. Killman		
1843	Wabash Church	Jesse R. Ford	G Stacy	S. K. Killman	48	320
1844	Beaver Creek	William Steel				
1845	Bethel	Joseph Huey	G. Stacy	S. K. Killman	6	300
1846	Diamond Springs.	S. K. Killam				
1847	Bethel Church	Abner Joliff	Abner Joliff	J. Anderick		276
1848						
1849	Marshall's Creek.		Jesse R. Ford			
1850	Beaver Crek		Jesse R. Ford			
1851	Bethel	Jesse R. Ford	Jesse R. Ford			
1852	Diamond Springs.	James Lemen	Jesse R. Ford	Smyth Moore	31	359
1853	Liberty Church	Jesse R. Ford	Jesse R. Ford	Smyth Moore	6	444
1854	Mt. Gilead	Mose Lemen	Jesse R. Ford	James Chance		
1855						
1856						
1857	Bethel		Jesse R. Ford			
1858	Diamond Springs.	I. A. Dale	Jesse R. Ford	J. D. P.Hungate		
1859	Shoal Creek					
1860	Marshall's Creek.	A. J. McCleland	I. A. Dale	James McHaney		
1861	Liberty	W J Goldsborsugh	Jesse R. Ford			
1862						
1863	Bethel Church	W J Goldsborough	Jesse R. Ford	Smyth Moore	34	402
1864	Fosterburg	I. A. Dale	Levi Elliot			
1865	Diamond Springs.	Jesse R. Ford	Jesse R. Ford	James McHaney	9	367
1863	Shoal Creek	G. W. Coker	G. W. Coker	Jesse R. Ford	102	514
1867	Union Church	I A. Dale	Levi Elliot	Smyth Moore	31	383
1868	Beaver Creek	G. W. Coker	G. W. Coker	Jesse R. Ford	26	360
1869	Marshall's Creek.	I. A. Dale	Eevi Elliot	G. W. Coker	50	500
1870	Walshville	Jesse R. Ford	G. W. Coker	Jesse R. Ford	92	524
1871	Zion Hill	A. J. Slitton	Jesse R. Ford	John Andereck	31	515
1872	Union Church	Jesse R. Ford	Jesse R. Ford	John Andereck	19	478
1873	Bethel	Levi Elliot	Jesse R. Ford	W. R. Andereck	2	476
1874	Diamond Springs.	I. A. Dale	Levi Elliot	G. N. Sanders	3	448
1875	Shobonier	W. R. Anderick	Jesse R. Ford	W. R. Andereck	5	377
1876	Beaver Creek	J. J. Boles	Levi Elliot	W. R. Andereck	33	435
1877	Zion Hill	Levi Elliot	Jesse R. Rord	James McHaney	9	343
1878	Marshall's Creek.	J. C Carter	Jesse R. Ford	W. R. Andereck	78	478
1879	Diamond Springs	W. R. Anderick	Levi Elliot	W. R. Andereck	35	435
1880	Bethel Church	J. C. Carter	Levi Elliot	G. E. Lester	20	429
1881	Marshall's Creek.	R. C. Keele	Jesse R. Ford	John Andereck	31	639
1882	Salem	G. Frederick	G. Frederick	J. W. Hough	43	700
1883	Zion Hill	Jesse R. Ford	G. Frederick	J. W. Hough	67	800
1884	Carlyle	E. S. Graham	G. Frederick	John Andereck	203	913
1885	Smith's Grove	W W. Williams	W. W, Williams	John Andereck	93	1004
1886	Wisetown	J. R. Keele	W, W. Williams	John Andereck	109	1004
1887	Diamond Spring.	H. B. Foskett	H. B. Foskett	D. G. Perine	27	1032
1888	Marshall's Creek.	J. I. Boles	H. B. Foskett	D. G. Perine	54	1092
1889	Salem	Warren Wise	J. M. Billingsly.	A. E. Ford	40	857
1890	Centralia	J. R. Keele	R. G. Echols	A. E. Ford	61	1045
1891	Shobonier	S. E. Davis	R. G. Echols	Carrie EPerrine	69	1140
1892	Patoka	S. E. Davis	S. E. Davies	Carrie EPerrine	28	1086
1893	Bethany	W D. Stevens	S. E. Davies	W. D. Stevens	61	1130
1894	Bethel	W. W. Hay	W. W. Hay	J W. Talbert		1156
1995	Wisetown	J. J. Boles	W. E. Wise	J. C. Carter	104	1230
1896	Zion Hill	W. E. Wise	W. E. Wise	J. C. Carter	57	1149
1897	Carlyle	G. W. Wise	W. E. Wise	J. C. Carter	63	1307
1898	Diamond Spring.	C. A. Rice	W. E. Wise	J. C. Carter	53	1160
1899	Marshall's Creek.	J. B. Webb	W. E. Wise	J. B. Webb	57	1217
1900	Smith Grove	J. C. Myers	W. E. Wise	J. B. Webb	98	1315

List of Messengers.

BETHEL.

L. W. Hostetter, Wm. Arrowsmith, A. Andereck, Albert Holstlaw, Sisters Ila Carter and Grace Andereck.

BETHANY.

Bro's L. Mellera, Levi Malon, A. S. Ulmet, Joe Genre, Wm. Rogers, O. Wafflard.

CENTRALIA.

Eld. L. D. Osborn and wife, Misses Maye McGuire and Hattie Cornell, Mrs. W. B. Clark, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. C. L. Morey, Miss Alveta Peters, Mrs. B. Pullen. Bros. H. T. Cunningham and J. L. Divis.

CARLYLE.

Sisters Moses Parker, Hannah Glassford, Eliza Maddox, Nellie Shoupe, Maude Glassford and Bro. Moses Parker.

CENTRAL CITY.

Sister Herman Gramlick.

DIAMOND SPRINGS.

Bro. E. H. Shelton and wife and Bro. J. T. Adams and wife and J. C. Pigg.

HARMONY.

Bros. C. L. See and Gray Williams and Sister Lydia See.

IUKA.

Bros. Gabriel Beard and W. T. Mix and Sisters Cora Holstlaw and Josie Spears.

KEYSPORT.

Bro. L. D. Kesterson and Sisters Lizza Potter, Grace Reddick.

MARSHALL CREEK.

Bro. H. D. Chance and wife, Bros. Wm. Powell, Isaac Meredith and G. W. Kretzer.

PATOKA.

Bro. Ed. Delassus and wife, Bros. Fred Carter and William Ensminger, Sisters Emma Nattier, Stella Delassus and Esther Delassus.

SALEM.

Eld. H. A. Belton and Sister Maye McQuinn.

SHOBONIER.

Bros. B. F. Wickersham, B. F. Burnett and Sisters Emma Sasse and Martha Mitchell.

SMITH GROVE.

Bros. Commodore Mills, J. K. Stubblefield and W. A. Stubblefield.

VANDALIA.

Rev. J. B. Webb and wife and Sister L. J. Nearan.

WISETOWN.

Bros. A. E. Genre, W. H. Rule and Eld. W. E. Wise, J. M. Ditsch and Sister Grace Kingsbury.

ZION HILL.

Deacons W. H. Berge, S. Y. Phillips, W. L. Sutherland, Bros. S. T Phillips, G. J. West and Sister M. E. Phillips.

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Associational Baptist Young People's Union.

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Directress of Associational Woman's Foreign Mission Work, Carrie E. Perrine, Centralia, Ill.

Woman's Home Missions, Mrs. G. W. S. Bell, Centralia, Ill.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Centralia Baptist Association" and shall be composed of delegates appointed by the churches represented in this body. These delegates shall be regular members of the church by which they are appointed; also all regularly ordained ministers belonging to the association and pastors of our churches though they may hold their church membership elsewhere, and each church composed of twenty-five members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for each subsequent twenty-five or fraction thereof.

ART. 2. The Association shall meet annually, on Thursday before the third Sunday in September at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the place appointed at the previous meeting.

ART. 3. The Association shall be organized by the election of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot, and by a plurality of votes. The duties of these officers shall be those usually assigned to such officers in similar bodies.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of each church in this Association to communicate by letter particulars relating to its state, the changes that have taken place during the past year, the whole number of members in its communion, the amount of its contributions to benevolent objects, the amount paid for current expenses, and whatever else may help to give a correct view of its conditions and prospects.

ART. 5. Any Baptist church wishing to become associated with this body may apply by letter and messengers, and upon giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, may be enrolled with the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting. And whenever, in the judgment of the body, a church shall have ceased to be sound in doctrine or correct in pratice, it may be dropped from the Association by a similar vote.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present: Provided, that notice of such alteration or amendment shall have been given at a previous annual meeting.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

1. The Body was notified that a motion would be made one year hence to move the sessions forward twenty-four hours earlier in the week than at the present, commencing Wednesday, 10:00 a. m. instead of Thursday, 10:00 a. m.

2. A notice was given that an amendment to the constitution providing for a full Associational Sunday School Organization would be offered one year hence.

Standing Rules of Order.

1. The business of every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Immediately after the organization the moderator shall invite ministering brethren, and all messengers of corresponding bodies to a seat with us, and request them to report their names to the clerk. Brethren whose names are so entered may debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

3. An introductory and doctrinal sermon shall be preached before the Association, and a collection taken for Associational Missions.

4. At each annual meeting the following committees shall be appointed, namely:

A committee of arrangements, whose duty it shall be to arrange in advance the program for the annual meeting and notify those who are to take part at least two weeks before the Association convenes. This committee shall be appointed one year

in advance, and vacancies occurring shall be filled by the moderator at least one month before the annual meeting.

A committee on next session, to recommend a place for holding the next annual meeting, and to nominate the preacher and alternate of the introductory and doctrinal sermons.

A committee on resolutions.

A committee on digest of letters.

A committee on obituaries.

A committee on auditing the treasurer's accounts.

A committee on reception of new churches.

A committee to nominate a missionary committee of five members, the chairman of which shall represent the Association in the State Board.

5. Order of Business:

Reading of letters from churches.
Invitation to visiting brethren.
General business
Report of treasurer.
Election of officers.
Appointment of committees.
Reports of committees.
Reading of minutes.
Adjournment.

6. No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being made and seconded, and no member shall speak more than twice to any motion without permission of the body.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded, nor shall they be renewed during the annual meeting, unless moved by a member voting in the negative.

8. The minutes shall be read and corrected before the closing of the Association.

9. These rules may be altered or amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present and voting.

B. Y. P. U. CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1—NAME. The name of this society shall be the Baptist Young People's Union of the Centralia Association.

ART. 2—OBJECT. The object of this organization shall be the unification of the Baptist young people; their increased spirituality; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in scriptural knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.

ART. 3—MEMBERSHIP. The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young Peoples' Societies in Baptist churches of the Centralia Association and from Baptist churches within the same limit having no Young People's organization.

ART. 4—REPRESENTATION. Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every twenty members or fraction thereof in each Young People's Society. In a church where no Young People's Society exists the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the Young People's Society, or by the clerk of that church in which no Young People's organization exists.

ART. 5—OFFICERS. The officers shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and a junior leader. Each of these shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices and shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. 6—BOARD OF MANAGERS. The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union, and at least three additional members who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ—as far as funds are available—such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist Young People's Organizations.

ART. 7—MEETINGS. The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ART. 8—AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been given at least twenty-four hours previously.

Minutes of the Centralia Baptist Association.

Minutes of the sixty-fourth annual session of the Centralia Baptist Association, meeting with the Zion Hill Baptist church, September 15-17, 1904.

Devotions were opened by singing "Sweet is thy Love, Oh Christ to Me." Eld. J. M. Billingsly led the opening prayer. Eld. V. Colbert preached the introductory sermon, founded upon the 27th and 28th verses of the 16th chapter of Luke. Subject, "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Brother Charles E. Cox. Then proceeded to reading of the letters from the churches, Brother Charles E. Cox assisted the clerk in reading the letters. Adjourned. Benediction by Eld. W. J. Couch.

Thursday, 2 p. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. E. J. Brownson. Eld. G. M. Clements led in prayer. The scripture lesson was read from 46-53, Luke 24th chapter.

The reading, of letters was continued.

The body proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows: W. E. Wise as moderator, V. Colbert as clerk and treasurer. Brother Charles Cox, W. J. Couch and G. W. S. Bell were appointed to report on the application of new churches desiring to enter into the body.

The doctrinal sermon based upon Col. III:11 "But Christ is all and in all" was delivered by Eld. W. E. Wise.

Representatives of different bodies were welcomed by the moderator.

The committee reporting on new churches is as follows:

We, your committee, recommend that the Baptist church of Kinmundy, Ill. be received into this association, and that the church at Pocahontas, Ill. be received on the condition that they do adopt if they have not already done so the articles of faith and church covenant as given in Pendleton's Church Manual.

CHAS. E. COX,
W. J. COUCH,
G. W. S. BELL.

Reading of letters continued.

The following committees were appointed: On auditing treasurer's account; E. J. Brownson, J. R. Kelley and P. V. Ulmet. On devotions: Pastor and messengers of Zion Hill church.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. G. M. Clements. Song "The half has ne'er been told". Scripture lesson was Romans 12th chapter. Prayer by Eld. J. O. Raines. A discussion of the theme of the minister's home at Fenton, Mich. was conducted. The discussion was led by Eld. G. M. Clements. An offering of $8.60 was made for this cause. Ministeial education was discussed by Elds. E. J. Brownson and J. M. Billingsly.

Bro. C. B. Antisdel, returned missionary from Africa, gave a very interesting talk in connection with stereoptican views. Offering and pledges to support a native missionary in Africa was taken, as follows: V. Colbert $5.00, E. J. Brownson $5.00, Sister Estopy $5.00, Sister Quick $5.00, G. W. S. Bell $5.00, Sister Skelton $1.00, Miss Crooker $2.00, Brother Davis $2.00, Miss McClelland $5.00, W. E. Wise $5.00, Vandalia church $3.00, Collection $3.47.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on digest of letters; Rev. J. R. Kelley, John R. McClelland, Rev. J. G. McDonald, Chas. See and Bertie Chance. Committee on obituaries; Rev. A. L. Smith, J. M. Ditsch, Sister Adaline Estopy, John Carter and Sister Carrie Perrine. Committee on next session; Rev. Geo. M. Clements, Samuel Phillips, Sister Clara Holtslaw, John Rogier and Sister Hannah Glasford. Committee on resolutions; Rev. J. M. Billingsley, Rev. D. K. Barber, T. H. Cunningham, J. A. Czad and Hardin Davis. Committee to nominate missionary board; Rev. J. R. Kelley, Samuel Phillips, P. V. Ulmet, Rev. Geo. M. Clements, James Carter. Committee on arrangements and program; Rev. E. J. Brownson, Chas. Cox and Rev. G. W. S. Bell.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. E. P. Brand.

Friday, 9 a. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. A. L. Smith reading 84th Psalm. Many testimonials were given.

Representatives from various bodies greeted the association as follows: Eld. D. K. Barber of Rehoboth association, Eld. A. L. Smith of the South Salem association spoke of that body, Eld. E. P. Brand State Supt. spoke, Eld. J. M. Billingsly of Ewing spoke feelingly of past experiences, Eld. W. J. Couch represented the Central Baptist, Eld. J. O. Raines represented the Primitive Missionary.

The following is the report of the missionary board of the Centralia Baptist Association.

We yonr servants, the Missisonary Board of the Centralia Baptist Association do hereby beg leave to report. On Sept. 18, 1903 the board organized by electing Eld. G. M. Clements chairman and Eld. V. Colbert Sec.-Treas. Eld. W. E. Wise was appointed as costodian of the associational tent under the direction of the associational board. Eld. W. E. Wise was employed to hold a meeting at Kinmundy in the tent at fifteen dollars per week. The meeting was held with the result that a church was organized there and now has a building well under way, directed by the pastor, Eld. J. R. Kelley. Two dollars per month was appropriated to Eld J. R. Kelley as missionary pastor at Union church. Two dollars and fifty cents per month was appropriated to Eld. W. E. Wise as missionary pastor at Keyesport. (Keyesport raised $10 for our fund.) Two dollars was appropriated to a missionary pastor at Iuka but was not claimed there being no pastor in regular charge. $8 claimed later. Eld. J. A. McDonald was engaged to hold a meeting at Boulder at one dollar per day. This meeting was hindered by adverse circumstances. An appropriation of twenty-five dollars was made to assist the missionary pastor, V. Colbert, at Mulberry Grove in pushing the building enterprise. The enterprise was defeated and only half the amount claimed.

Eld. V. Colbert was authorized by the board to see if the Pocahontas Baptist church could be helped, and if so to see that such help was given in behalf of the board. About a week's meeting was held there in the latter part of February with good interest. The church voted to co-operate with the board and asked Eld. V. Colbert to preach on each first Sunday until the meeting of the Association. The board allowed the preacher five dollars for the week's meeting and two dollars per month for five months since, being fifteen dollars for the Pocahontas work paid by the board. During this time the missionary pastor with many friends and the members there have reroofed the north side of the church and repapered it and feel that our work has been crowned richly for the labor expended.

We have been greatly disappointed in not getting more work done in our associational tent. Early in the season we sent Eld. Elijah Anthony of Whitehall to St. Elmo to conduct a meeting. We feel that perhaps this will eventually lead to the organization of a church. Here our evangelist got sick and your secretary was in constant communication with him hoping that he would quickly rally and go to other points which the board had planned for him to occupy but he continued ill for quite a while and when we had thought he was about ready to take up the work his family was sadly striken by the measles. Brother G. W. Clements was allowed six dollars for work at Bear Creek.

GEO. M. CLEMENTS, Pres.
V. COLBERT, Sec.
J. M. DITSCH.

The theme of associational missions was earnestly discoursed by Eld. J. R. Kelley, Eld. G. M. Clements and Eld. W. E. Wise. It was moved that the association proceed to raise funds for the prosecution of missionary work in the association for the ensuing year.

The report of the auditing committee was as follows:

The auditing committee have examined the report of Eld. V. Colbert, treasurer of the association missionary board and find the same correct. The amount on hand is fifty-nine dollars and six cents.

E. J. BROWNSON,
P. V. ULMET,
J. R. KELLEY,

The following pledges were made for the work of the Centralia Baptist Association.

W. E. Wise	$5 00	Josie Spitler	1 00
V. Colbert	5 00	Sister McHarney	1 00
G. M. Clements	5 00	Sister Stowall	1 00
Susan Benson	5 00	Sister Chance	1 00
T. S. Waters	5 00	D. K. Barber	1 00
G. W. S. Bell	5 00	Samuel Phillips	1 00
Wm. Peak	5 00	Zach Hickman	1 00
Martha McCance	5 00	Bert Chance	1 00
Charles E. Cox	5 00	Joseph Cazad	1 00
Charles See	5 00	W. H. Burge	1 00
Mrs. Hardin Davis	5 00	Wm. Powell	1 00
Hardin Davis	5 00	J. R. McClelland	1 00
J. R. Kelley	5 00	J. M. Ditch	1 00
Clara Holtslaw	5 00	Jane Skelton	1 00
H. T. Cunningham	5 00	Anna Carter	1 00
Adaline Estopy	2 00	W. J. Couch	1 00
Virginia Decrevel	2 00	Centralia Church	10 00
Nancy Phillips	2 00	Harmony	3 00
Hannah Glassford	2 00	Patoka	5 00
P. V. Ulmet	2 00	Fairman	9 50
Susan McNeal	2 00	Cash offering	3 71
Total			$133 21

Eld. W. P. Brand, Supt. of State Missions, gave us an address on the great work of our state. The address was warmly received. Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Billingly.

Friday, 2 p. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. E. P. Brand. Scripture lesson was read from 1st Cor. 15.

Report of committee on next annual session is as follows:

We the committee on next session would recommend Shobonier as the next meeting place for the Centralia Baptist Association. For Introductory Sermon, Rev. E. J. Brownson, alternate Bro. A. L. Smith. Doctrinal Sermon J. R. Kelley, alternate J. O. Raines.

The report of the committee on resolutions is as follows:

Whereas, The statement has been made in a prominent newspaper that undoubtedly no Baptist Association in the north would drop from the fellowship a church practicing what is known as open communion, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association, which is in the north, will not knowingly receive nor hold in her fellowship any church practicing open communion nor admit to a seat a messenger from an open communion church.

Resolved, That we urge all our young people, especially our young ministers, to obtain a higher education, and for this purpose we strongly recommend Shurtleff and Ewing Colleges, but warn all our people against the so-called Higher Criticism of the University of Chicago and the Whitsill vagaries of Louisville Seminary.

Resolved, That we urge our people to take, pay for and read our denominational papers.

Resolved, That we look with horror upon the devastations of the rum traffic, and urge our people to use all honorable means to stamp out the accursed liquor traffic and to support only temperance men for office, and further recommend the work of the anti-saloon league as a means to this end.

Resolved, That in view of the vast importance of our mission work we urge our people to co-operate with our Foreign, Home and State Missionary Boards, and recommend as far as practicable that we follow the Wheel plan; also that we earnestly co-operate with the Gospel Missionary Convention, of Ill. in assisting the work of Bro. Joseph K. David in Syria.

Whereas, We owe a debt of gratitude to our pioneer ministers, and

Whereas, Many of them, after giving the prime of their lives to the Master's work, and are needing help, and

Whereas, The Aged Minister's Home in Fenton, Mich., is taking care of them, and needs our help, therefore,

Resolved that we give the Home our hearty assistance and bring the matter to the attention of our churches and urge them to do what they can to provide for the sustenance of those dear old needy brethren.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that this country should investigate whether the reports of Belgian barbarity in the Congo country be true, and if so, that we memorize the authorities to interpose in order to put a stop to such cruelties.

Resolved, That we call special attention to the use of cigarettes by our boys and youths, and that they be impressed strongly of the dangerous and ruinous effects on the body and mind.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty and sincere vote of thanks to the Brethren of Zion Hill church and the friends in the vicinity for their unbounded hospitality in so royally entertaining this Association during this annual meeting.

Brother S. C. Fulmer representing the American Baptist Home Mission made an address upon the great theme of missions in our own vast country with her immediate neighbors under the motto "North America for Christ."

Your committee on Home Missions would report that the past year has been one of universal prosperity. There has been enlargement in every department, in number of missionaries employed, in schools, in enrollment of scholars, in baptisms, in church buildings erected and in contributions received. The receipts of last year were $639,395.77, and for this year at least $750,000 will be urgently needed. One hundred and thirteen new churches were organized on our field during the year, and sixty churches that we have been helping became self-supporting. We most kindly but emphatically urge upon the churches and their pastors the importance of a generous offering, each year, to this great work, and that the same be sent promptly to Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 1722 Ruckle St., Indianapolis, Ind.

G. W. S. Bell,
Chas. L. See.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission was represented by Miss Carrie E. Perrine, who read the following report:

Whereas, Each year brings us a clearer knowledge of the blessings which God has showered upon the women of America, and also brings to us a realization of the ignorance and need of the women in our own land, and the degredation and suffering of our sisters in foreign lands. Therefore. Resolved, That we as an Association commend the work of Women in Missions as represnted by the Women's Home Mission Society and the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the west, as the means blessed of God for the evanglization of the world. That we urge a Missionary Society in every church or if that is impossible then that some sister be appointed in each church who shall collect and forward the offerings to the respective treasurers, Home Socety Mrs. A. H. Barber, 2411 Indiana Ave., Chicago; Foreign Society, Mrs. M. E. Kline, 1318 Masonic Temple. Chicago Ill. We futher commend the publication of these societies "the Tidings" "Helping Hand" "Around the World" and the many leaflets published by both socities, that they be taken and read, that a greater interest shall be awakened in these departments of our Master's work.

Miss Carrie E. Perrine,
Mrs. A. Estoppy,
Mrs. Clara Holtslaw,
Mrs. G. W. S. Bell.

Reports were made of the work in the local circles.

Sister G. W. S. Bell was elected as the directress of the Woman's Home Missions of the Centralia Association.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. S. C. Fulmer.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. J. R. Kelley. The scripture lesson was Psa. 73. The sermon was preached by Eld. E. J. Brownson from John 15:5.

The report of the committee to nominate a mission board was as follows: W. E. Wise, V. Colbert, H. T. Cunningham, G. M. Clements and J. R. Kelley. Report adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. A. L. Smith.

Saturday, 9 a. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. D. K. Barber. The 15th Psalm was read as the scripture lesson. Eld. J. M. Billingsly led in prayer.

The B. Y. P. U. session was led by Eld. V. Colbert. Sister Carrie Perrine gave a talk on junior work. The secretary's report was read.

The election resulted in the choice of Charles See of Kinmundy, Ill., as Pres.; Joe. Hill, Zion Hill, Ill., as Vice-Pres.; secretary, Grace Kingsbury, Greenville, Ill.; corresponding secretary, Daisy Zimmermann, Vandalia, Ill.; treasurer, Mrs. Stella Pugh, Centralia, Ill.; junior leader, Hattie Cornell, Centralia, Ill.

Report of secretary of Associational Young People's Union.

I haven't as full a report as I would like to have but send the following: There are senior unions at Bethany, Carlyle, Centralia, Salem, Smith Grove, Vandalia, and Wisetown. Junior Unions at Centralia and Smith Grove. There is an incease in interest as well as in numbers in several of the Unions. A convention was held in Wisetown May 6, 7 and 8, 1904. Several Unions were represented and the meetings were interesting and we feel that much good was acoomplished. We feel that we need much help from the churches and especially the pastors of some of the churches. We know from work that has been done that much good can be done through the Baptist Young People's Union and may God speed the day when all will be ready to do all they can to forward this branch of the work for building up God's kingdom. There are many we fear who have not given this subject enough thought to know how important it is. Nevertheless there are a few untiring ones who are doing all they can, and may God so bless them in their work that many souls may be brought into the kingdom through their eflorts. I regret very much that I can't be with you but pray that you may have blessed meetings and especially the B. Y. P. U. session. Yours in His name,

GRACE KINGSBURY, Associational Secretary.

Saturday, 2 p. m.

Devotions led by Eld. J. O. Raines. Scripture lesson 1st Psalm.

The report from the obituary committee failed to reach the body for its consideration and therefore the clerk has no record from them, but according to our statistics shown in our letters ten of our fellow-servants have lain their armor by and gone on before to the saint's great reward. Thus we are admonished to "be also ready for in such and as we think not the Son of Man cometh." Oh, may we all hear the Master say at last: "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Your committee on digest of letters would report as follows

Bethel—No Sunday schools. No protracted meetings.

Bethany—Not discouraged. Held meeting with no visible results.

Centralia—Held meeting which added 25 to church, 12 by letter. Progress in all lines of work.

Carlyle—With little progress.

Central City—Labored against disadvantages; some good done; hoping for brighter prospects; eight by baptism.

Diamond Springs—No meeting on account of smallpox; 1 baptism.

Fairman—Have enjoyed the blessings of God; much encouraged in church and Sunday school work.

Mulberry Grove—Contemplating the building of a church house; some encouragement and have interest in Sunday school; Bro. W. E. Wise as pastor.

Harmony—First of year had labors of W. E. Wise with success; lettered off 16 S. S. with good interest.

Iuka—Preaching little of the time and are building a house.

Kinmundy—Encouraged; are building a house.

Keyesport—Labored under great disadvantages; are entitled to our profound sympathy and prayers; by baptisms, five.

Marshall's Creek—Are in fair condition; preaching once a month; Sunday school full time.

Patoka—Have chosen Bro. Clements as pastor and are in harmony and peace; needs more spirituality.

Pocahontas—Have repaired church; somewhat encouraged; have had the services of Bro. V. Colbert.

Salem—No pastor; have lettered out 5; lost one by death; some repairs on church; hope to call a pastor soon.

Shobonier—Have good S. S.; are at peace; doing needy repairing on church.

Smith Grove—Much revived; added by baptism 16; have the labors of V. Colbert.

Vandalia—Much encouraged; 20 added; S. S. and B. Y. P. U. and mid-week prayer meeting.

Wisetown—Have good interest; preaching half time; S. S. 12 months in year.

Zion Hill—Good spiritual condition; added by baptism, 3; have the labors of Bro. A. L. Smith.

J. R. KELLEY,
J. G. MCDONALD,
BERTIE D. CHANCE,
CHAS. L. SEE.

The clerk was appointed to collect and forward African Mission funds.

It was moved that the churches be asked to give the time with salary to the pastors so that if necessary they can stay over Sunday with the church with which the association is held.

By motion the churches were requested to put in all the good things in their church letters in as few words as possible.

Adjourned to meet with the Shobonir church at 10 a. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1905.

After adjournment Eld. J. M. Billingsly preached a strong and touching sermon.

The body ordered 500 copies of the minutes to be published, and that the clerk be allowed $10 for his services.

Historical Table of the Association.

Date	PLACE OF MEETING	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK	Baptism	Membership
1840	Union Church					
1841	Vandalia					
1842			G Stacy	S K Killman		
1843	Wabash Church	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	48	320
1844	Beaver Creek	William Steel				
1845	Bethel	Joseph Huey	" "	" "	6	300
1846	Diamond Springs	S K Kilman				
1847	Bethel	Abner Joliff	Abner Joliff	J Anderick		276
1848						
1849	Marshall's Creek		Jesse R Ford			
1850	Beaver Creek		" "			
1851	Bethel	Jesse R Ford	" "			
1852	Diamond Springs	James Lemon	" "	Smyth Moore	31	359
1853	Liberty Church	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	6	444
1854	Mt. Gilead	Mose Lemon	" "	James Chance		
1855						
1856						
1857	Bethel		" "			
1858	Diamond Springs	I A Dale	" "	J D P Hungate		
1859	Shoal Creek					
1860	Marshall's Creek	A J McClelland	I H Dale	Jas McHaney		
1861	Liberty	W J Goldsboro'	Jesse R Ford			
1862						
1863	Bethel church	W J Goldsboro'	" "	Smyth Moore	34	402
1864	Fosterburg	I A Dale	Levi Elliott			
1865	Diamond Springs	Jesse R Dale	Jesse R Ford	Jas McHaney	9	367
1866	Shoal Creek	G W Coker	G W Coker	Jesse R Ford	102	514
1867	Union church	I A Dale	Levi Elliott	Smyth Moore	31	383
1868	Beavercreek	G. W. Coker	G W Coker	Jesse R Ford	26	360
1869	Marshall's Creek	I A Dale	Levi Elliott	G w Cooker	50	500
1870	Walshville	Jesse R Ford	G w Cooker	Jesse R Ford	92	524
1871	Zion Hill	A J Sitton	Jesse R Ford	John Anderick	31	515
1872	Union church	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	19	478
1873	Bethel	Levi Elliott	" "	w R "	26	476
1874	Diamond Springs	I A Dale	Levi Elliott	G N Sanders	32	448
1875	Shobonier	W R Anderick	Jesse R Ford	w R Anderick	50	377
1876	Beavercreek	J J Boles	Levi Elliott	" "	33	435
1877	Zion Hill	Levi Elliott	Jesse R Ford	Jas McHaney	9	343
1878	Marshall's Creek	J C Carter	" "	w R Anderick	78	478
1879	Diamond Springs	W R Anderick	Levi Elliott	" "	35	435
1880	Bethel church	J C Carter	" "	G E Lester	20	429
1881	Marshall's Creek	R C Keele	Jesse R Ford	John Anderick	31	639
1882	Salem	G Frederick	G Frederick	J w Hough	43	700
1883	Zion Hill	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	67	800
1884	Carlyle	E S Graham	" "	John Anderick	203	913
1885	Smith's Grove	W W Williams	W Williams	" "	93	1004
1886	Wisetown	J R Keele	" "	" "	109	1004
1887	Diamond Springs	H B Foskett	H B Foskett	D G Perine	27	1082
1888	Marshall's Creek	J J Boles	" "	" "	54	1092
1889	Salem	Warren Wise	J M Billingsly	A E Ford	40	857
1890	Centralia	J R Keele	R G Echols	" "	61	1045
1891	Shobonier	S E Davis	" "	Carrie E Perrine	69	1140
1892	Potoka	" "	S E Davis	" "	28	1086
1893	Bethany	W D Stephens	" "	w D Stevens	61	1130
1894	Bethel	W Hay	W Hay	J w Talbert		1156
1895	Wisetown	J J Boles	W E Wise	J C Carter	104	1230
1896	Zion Hill	W E Wise	" "	" "	57	1149
1897	Carlyle	G W Wise	" "	" "	63	1307
1898	Diamond Springs	C A Rice	" "	" "	53	1160
1899	Marshall's Creek	J B Webb	" "	J B webb	57	1217
1900	Smith's Grove	J C Myers	" "	" "	98	1315
1901	Potoka	J B Webb	" "	A Rollins	61	1219
1902	Vandalia	J R Kelley	" "	V Colbert	102	1354
1903	Wisetown	G M Clements	" "	" "	78	1323
1904	Zion Hill	V Colbert	" "	" "	87	1467

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Centralia Baptist Association," and shall be composed of delegates appointed by churches represented in this body. These delegates shall be regular members of the churches by which they are appointed; also all regularly ordained ministers belonging to the Association, and also pastors of our churches, though they may hold their membership elsewhere. Each church composed of twenty-five members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate to each subsequent twenty-five or fraction thereof. (Adopted).

ART. 2. The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the third Sunday in September at 10:00 a. m., at the place appointed at the previous meeting.

ART. 3. The Association shall be organized by the election of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot, and by a plurality of votes. The duties of these officers shall be those usually assigned to such officers in similar bodies.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of each church in this Association to communicate by letter particulars relating to its state, the changes that have taken place during the past year, the whole number of members in its communion, the amount of its contributions to benevolent objects, the amount paid for current expenses, and whatever else may help to give a correct view of its conditions and prospects.

ART. 5. Any Baptist church wishing to become associated with this body may apply by letter and messengers, and upon giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, may be enrolled with the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting. And whenever in the judgment of the body a church shall have ceased to be sound in doctrine or correct in practice, it may be dropped from the Association by a similar vote.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present: Provided that notice of such alteration or amendment shall have been given at a previous annual meeting.

Standing Rules of Order.

1. The business of every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Immediately after the organization the moderator shall invite ministering brethren, and all messengers of corresponding bodies to a seat with us and request them to report their names to the clerk. Brethren whose names are so entered may debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

3. An introductory and doctrinal sermon shall be preached before the Association, and a collection taken for Associational Missions.

4. At each annual meeting the following committees shall be appointed, namely.

A committee on arrangements, whose duty it shall be to arrange in advance the program for the annual meeting and notify those who are to take part at least two weeks before the Association convenes. This committee shall be appointed one year in advance, and vacancies shall be filled by the moderator at least one month before the annual meeting.

A committee on next session, to recommend a place for holding the next annual meeting, and to nominate the preacher and alternate of the introductory and doctrinal sermons.

A committee on resolutions. A committee on digest of letters. A committee on obituaries. A committee on auditing the treasurer's accounts. A committee on reception of new churches.

A committee to nominate a missionary committee of five members, the chairman of which shall represent the Association in the State Board.

5. Order of Business. Reading of letters from churches. Election of officers. Invitation to visiting brethren. Appointment of committees. General business. Reports of committees. Report of treasurer. Reading of minutes. Adjournment.

6. No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being made and seconded, and no member shall speak more than twice to any motion without permission of the body.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded, nor shall they be renewed during the annual meeting, unless moved by a member voting in the negative.

8. The minutes shall be read and corrected before the closing of the Associa'n.

9. These rules may be altered or amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present and voting.

B. Y. P. U. CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1—NAME. The name of this society shall be the Baptist Young People's Union of the Centralia Association.

ART. 2—OBJECT. The object of this organization shall be the unification of the Baptist young people; their increased spirituality; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in spiritual knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history, and their enlistment in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.

ART. 3—MEMBERSHIP. The membership of this Union shall consist of accredited delegates from Young Peoples' Societies in Baptist churches of the Centralia Association and from Baptist churches within the same limit having no Young People's organixation.

ART.4—REPRESENTATION. Representation shall be on the basis of five delegates for every twenty members or fraction thereof in each Young People's Society. In a church where no Young People's Society exists the church shall be entitled to five delegates for every fifty members or fraction thereof. Delegates shall be admitted only on credentials certified by an officer of the Young People's Society or by the clerk of that church in which no Young People's organization exists.

ART. 5—OFFICERS. The officers shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Junior Leader. Each of these shall perform the duties usual to their respective offices and shall be elected annually by ballot.

ART. 6—BOARD OF MANAGERS. The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Union, and at least three additional members who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. The Board of Managers shall be empowered to employ—as far as funds are available—such agencies as may be necessary to extend and cultivate Baptist Young People's Organizations.

ART. 7—MEETINGS. The Union shall meet at such time and place as the Union or Board of Managers may appoint.

ART. 8—AMENDMENTS This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, notice thereof having been given at least twenty four hours previously.

Sunday School Convention Constitution.

ART. 1. This organization shall be known as the "Centralia Baptist Associational Sunday School Convention," and shall be controlled by the regular delegates of the Association.

ART. 2 Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of this organization to nurture and extend a trong work along the line of Baptist Sunday Schools throughout the territory of our association.

Minutes of the Centralia Baptist Association.

Minutes of the Centralia Baptist Association meeting with the Shobonier Baptist Church, September 14–16, 1905.

Thursday, 10 a. m.

Session was opened by devotions. Scripture lessons from Matt. 23:24–33.

Rev. E. J. Brownson, pastor of the Centralia Church, preached the introductory sermon, taking for his text: Matt. 23–37. "Oh, Jerusalem!" etc.

The letters from the churches were read. Bro. G. W. St. John assisted the clerk in the reading.

Thursday, 2 p. m.

Eld. W. J. Couch, of East St. Louis, led the devotions. We sang "Come and Fill Me Now." The scripture lesson was from the Letters to the Ephesians and of James. Earnest prayers were offered. Great expressions of thanksgiving were made.

Reading of letters was continued.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, resulting as follows: For Moderator, Eld. J. R. Kelley; for Clerk and Treasurer, Eld. V. Colbert.

Eld. J. R. Kelley preached the doctrinal sermon, based upon the twentieth verse of the second chapter of Nehemiah, following which prayer was offered by Eld. J. O. Raines.

The following representative brethren and sisters spoke for the following causes and places: Eld. W. E. Wise, of Greenville, spoke in favor of that church; Eld. J. O. Raines spoke for Syrian Missions and "The Baptist Missionary;" Eld. W. J. Couch spoke for the "Central Baptist;" Mrs. Coulter represented the Woman's Mission Work; Elder M. Culp appeared to represent the proposed new Baptist paper for Southern Illinois.

The following committee on the reception of new churches was appointed: Eld. G. M. Clement; Bro. P. V. Ulmet and Eld. Joe Hill.

Thursday, 7 p. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. J. O. Raines. The scripture read was from the letter to Titus. Many happy testimonials were given.

It was moved that Bro. W. E. Hopkins, of India, be asked to speak on Foreign Missions.

Eld. E. J. Brownson gave an address on the Baptist Home Mission Society.

Bro. Hopkins gave a great address upon many foreign fields.

It was moved to receive the Arm Prairie Baptist Church into the fellowship of this body.

Adjourned to meet on Friday at 8:00 a. m.

Friday, 8 a. m.

Devotions were led by Elder M. Culp. The first Psalm was read. Joyous testimonies were given and prayers offered.

It was voted that an amendment to our Associational Consitution shall be adopted to provide for a full Sunday School organization.

A committee to report on three Constitutional Amendments was as follows: E. J. Brownson, Charles E. Cox and V. Colbert.

Report on next session and preachers:

We, your committee on next session, beg leave to report that after considering the claims of all the churches asking for it, recommend that it be held with the Fairman Church, and that Rev. G. L. Talbot preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. G. M. Clement as alternate; that Rev. J. O. Raines preach the doctrinal sermon, with Rev. A. L. Smith as alternate.

J. M. Ditsch,
J. R. McDuffy,
C. E. Cox.

Report of Missionary Board:

Work was planned at our first meeting during the Association at Zion Hill.

Appropriations of $2.00 per month were made for Kinmundy, Iuka and Pocahontas, with $2 50 at Keyesport. Iuka's appropriation was never claimed. Kevesport for only two months. Ten dollars per week was set apart for a meeting at Pocahontas, not to exceed three weeks.

The Board met at Central City and planned meetings at Mulberry Grove, by Eld. W. E. Wise, to be held in our Associational tent. (Expense of this meeting was $28.) Also partially arranged for a tent meeting at Sandy Branch, west of Kinmundy.

The third meeting of the Board was at Mulberry Grove, where we completed plans for the Sandy Branch tent meeting, to be held under the direction of Eld. J. R. Kelley. This meeting was held at an expense of $20 to the Board. Planned also the Beaver Prairie tent meeting to be conducted by Eld. V. Colbert. This meeting was held for three weeks at an expense of $37.11, with offerings of $56.25, leaving a balance in the treasury of $19.14.

Also planned for tent meeting at Central City under the direction of Eld. G. M. Clement. Expense of this meeting $30.

We feel that much and lasting good has been done this year in our missionary efforts, and most sincerely pray God's richest blessings upon those whose contributions make such work possible. Your servants, the

Mission Board.

Treasurer's report:

Amount received for publication of Minutes was $33.71. Amount expended: to printer, for clerk's fee, Associational letter blanks, postage, etc., $32.70, leaving a balance on hand of 95 cents.

Received for Associational Missions, including cash on hand at the beginning of the year 1904-5, $204.06. Paid out $176.98, leaving a balance at the end of the year of $37.08.

Received for the Banza Manteke, Africa, mission field, $48.70. Paid to E. W. Lounsbury and W. E. Hopkins, $48.70. V. Colbert, Treasurer.

It was moved that a subscription list be raised for next year's Associational Mission work, which resulted as follows:

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Central City, offering	....	Vandalia, offering	....
Diamond Springs	5 00	Wisetown, offering	....
Harmony	2 00	Zion Hill, offering	....
Keyesport, offering	....	Arm Prairie, offering	....
Kinmundy	5 00	Susan McNeal	2 00
Patoka, offering	....	B.D. Chance	1 00
Shobonier	4 00		

It was moved that the resolutions be adopted one by one.

The resolutions were as follows:

Resolved, That we encourage our young people to attend Baptist schools of higher education.

Resolved, That we recommend Shurtleff and Ewing Colleges and Sailor Springs Academy to our people.

As the divorce law of our state is degenerating and calculated to destroy the sacredness of the home, be it

Resolved, That we will use our influence with our respective legislators in revising such laws, and placing them upon the New Testament foundation.

Since what we read has much to do with forming our character; be it

RESOLVED, That we encourage the reading of Christian writers and especially those authors who maintain Baptist principles.

We as an Association endorse the work of the Baptist Gospel Missionary Convention of Illinois in their support of Elder J. K. David and wife in Syria, and recommend that our churches continue their liberal contributions to the support of the Gospel in Palestine.

Inasmuch as some Baptist churches have acquired the habit of recognizing Campbellites and Pedobaptists as the ambassadors of Christ, be it

Resolved, That this Association is unfavorable to such action.

We as an Association earnestly suggest that our churches do all within their power under God, to free our country from the great curse of the legalized liquor traffic, pledging ourselves as individuals to support no man for any office whatever who is a friend to the liquor traffic.

We especially commend the work of the Anti-Saloon League as a growing force for the destruction of the saloon power.

Resolved, That this Association endorse the work of the American Baptist Publication Society and give it our hearty support.

Resolved, That this Association is decidedly opposed to Sunday excursions, Sunday ball games and Sunday horse racing. Be it further

Resolved, That we insist that our respective county officers do execute the law in stopping such Sabbath desecration as far as their authority extends.

Inasmuch as the commission to preach the gospel in all the world was delivered unto a Baptist church at Jerusalem by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that all the good things in every denomination in the world to-day, were earnestly contended for by the Baptists from the days of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That we as an association of Baptist churches wish to place ourselves on record as being opposed to what is called interdenominal and religious comity as being contrary to the teachings of scripture and opposed to Baptist principles.

Whereas, We as Baptists believe in the great commission to preach the Gospel to all the world, and as the agencies through which we are doing that work must receive the means through the churches, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend our churches to pray and give to the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union, The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the work of the General Association of Illinois.

Resolved, That this Association extends a vote of thanks to the Shobonier Baptist church and her friends for the Christ-like manner in which they have entertained this Association.

Friday, 2 p. m.

Devotions were led by Elder W. J. Couch. Scripture lesson, Luke 11th Chapter.

Your committee on digest of letters would report as follows:

Arm Prairie: Seems full of life and zeal.

Bethany: Have good reasons for encouragement, as eleven were added by baptism. Fair Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

Bethel: Have no Sunday School. Held no protracted meeting this year.

Carlyle: Have good Sunday School, mid-week prayer meeting and B. Y. P. U. has had eighteen additions.

Central City: Are fully alive. Used discipline severely.

Centralia: Much encouraged. All departments are good.

Diamond Springs: Church seems to be luke warm. No Sunday School. No prayermeeting.

Fairman: Greatly encouraged, with interesting Sunday School.

Harmony: Have good Sunday School but no regular preaching.

Mulberry Grove: Working under discouragements.

Patoka: Are alive, preaching once a month. Sunday School all the year.

Pocahontas: Very few in number, but faithfully pressing on.

Salem: Are still trying to keep house for the Lord. Have good Sunday School.

Shobonier: Have good Sunday School and preaching the greater part of the time.

Iuka: Is alive. Had 1 addition. Good Sunday School.

Keyesport: Working under a cloud of discouragement.

Kinmundy: Are growing and are encourgaged. Have Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society.

Marshall's Creek: Have had preaching once a month. Weekly prayermeeting and evergreen Sunday School.

Smith Grove: Evergreen Sunday School. Church encouraged.

Vandalia: Much encouraged. Have mission point in neighboring village.

Wisetown: Sends good report of the condition of the church.

Zion Hill: In fair condition. Have prayermeeting and Sunday School 12 months in the year.

B. D. CHANCE,
P. V. ULMET,
PHILIP GENRE. } Com.

Sister G. W. S. Bell spoke upon the woman's work in missions in our home land.

Sister R. N. Coulter of Marissa, Ill., gave a talk upon foreign missions.

Report of Woman's Mission Work.

Your Associational Directresses for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies would submit the following report.

We have corresponded with the solicitors and written to a part of the pastors of the various churches in behalf of our work.

Of our 21 churches some have responded with liberal contributions as will be shown in the financial report. Others have met their apportionments and others have failed to reply.

Tidings and Helping Hand are being read in several of our churches which is very encouraging.

We would commend this work to the sisters in all our churches as worthy of their sympathy and hearty co-operation, also that solicitors be appointed in churches which have no circles, to collect an offering and forward to the respective Treasurers of the Home Society, Mrs. A. H. Barber, 2411 Indiana Ave,, Chicago, Ill., and the Foreign Society, Mrs. M. E. Kline, 1318 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Illinois.

We further commend these publications viz., Tidings of the W. B. H. M. and Helping Hand and Around the World of the W. F. B. M. Society and the many leaflets of both societies.

MRS. R. S. COULTER,
MRS. G. W. S. BELL.

Financial Report of Woman's Associational Missions.

Name of Society	Foreign	Home
Bethany	$17.40	$20.64
Carlyle	1.50	1.50
Centralia	63.65	20.64
Centralia Baby Band for Kindergardens		25.20
Harmony	1.50	
Keyesport	50	50
Vandalia	1.00	1.00
Wisetown	26.73	24.97
Zion Hill		6.02
Marshall Creek		65
	$111.78	$ 81.48

Total....$193.26.

Friday, 7 p. m.

Devotions were led by Eld. D. K. Barber.

The 13th chapter of I Cor. was read.

The session was devoted to the Baptist Young People's Work. The subject "What Literature Should be Read by our Young People?" was discussed by V. Colbert.

A duett "I want to go There," was sung by Mrs. Washburn and Miss Maude Wright, of Vandalia. "The Uplifting Power of the Young People's Work" was discussed in a very able paper by Miss Jessie Craig. "Best Methods of Junior Work" in a paper very ably discussed by Sister Talbot, wife of the Vandalia pastor.

"What does Christianity do for the country" was discussed in an excellent paper by Claude Cox.

"How can the interest in the the Young People's Work be increased?" was well handled by Brother Joe Hill.

Report of Associational Baptist Young People's Union.

The work has been of much pleasure and profit to those who have taken part in it.

Rallies were held at Carlyle, Wisetown and Vandalia in our own Association and some of our workers held a very happy meeting at Pleasant Mound with their local Union. There are seven Unions in the association with one Junior Union.

There are many possibilities connected with the development of our young people and we would most earnestly urge all our churches to care for and train their young members for efficient service for the Master's cause.

Much of the success of the past year was owing to the efficient efforts of our secretaries.

We pray for yet greater work this year.

Saturday, 9 a. m.

Devotions were led by Elder Harley, who read the Scripture lesson from John, 15th chapter, and other portions of the sacred record.

Requests were made for prayer for the work in many places.

Article 1 of the Constitution of the Association was amended so as to read:

First—That article No. 1 shall read:

ART. 1. This Association shall be called the "Centralia Baptist Association," and shall be composed of delegates appointed by churches represented in this body. These delegates shall be regular members of the churches by which they are appointed; also all regularly ordained ministers belonging to the Association, and also pastors of our churches though they may hold their membership elsewhere. Each church composed of twenty-five members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for each subsequent twenty-five or fraction thereof. (Adopted.)

The discussion of Sunday School themes was as follows:

"Opening and closing exercises," by Bro. Charles E. Cox; Eld. D. K. Barber spoke upon the "Spirituality in the Sunday School;" Eld. W. J. Couch spoke upon the "Preparation of the Teachers;" Bro. P. V. Ulmet spoke upon "Teaching the Lesson."

Elder W. E. Wise spoke upon the need of our aged ministers. A collection was taken for their aid, amounting to $14.42.

The following officers were elected to serve the Sunday School Convention: G. M. Clement, President; Vice President, Charles E. Cox; Secretary and Treasurer, Celeste Kingsbury.

The B. Y. P. U. officers were elected as follows: Joseph Hill, President; Chas. See, Vice President; Daisy Zimmerman, Corresponding Secretary; Stella Pugh, Treasurer; Celeste Kingsbury, Recording Secretary.

Notice was given to change the time of meeting of the Association twenty-four hours later in the week than at present, making the time Friday, 10 a. m.

It was moved that the Clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed and circulated among the churches, he to have ten dollars for his services.

The committee to arrange for services at our next meetings are the pastor and members of the Fairman Church.

Eld. G. L. Talbot, pastor of the Vandalia Baptist Church, preached at 11 o'clock.

The Clerk was instructed to draft and publish the Obituary Report.

OBITUARY REPORT.

By referring to the letters of our body, we find that thirteen of our members have lain the Christian's armor by, and have gone to receive the soldiers' reward. While so many of our churches have thus been called upon to mourn, we are solemnly reminded that we are but quickly passing pilgrims here, and what we have to do for our Blessed, Expectant Master must be promptly done, or these sacred opportunities will be forever flown. While we read, "To live is Christ, but to die is gain," and "absent from the body, present with the Lord," let these things inspire us to be ever faithful and "occupy till He comes."

COMMITTEE, PER V. COLBERT.

Adjourned to meet with the Fairman Baptist Church, at 10 a. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1906.

Historical Table of the Association.

Date.	PLACE OF MEETING	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK	Baptism	Membership
1840	Union Church					
1841	Vandalia					
1842			G Stacy	S K Killman		
1843	Wabash Church	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	48	320
1844	Beavercreek	William Steel				
1845	Bethel	Joseph Huey	" "	" "	6	300
1846	Diamond Springs.	S K Kilman				
1847	Bethel	Abner Joliff	Abner Joliff	J Anderick		276
1848						
1849	Marshall's Creek		Jesse R Ford			
1850	Beavercreek		" "			
1851	Bethel	Jesse R Ford	" "			
1852	Diamond Springs.	James Lemon	" "	Smyth Moore	31	359
1853	Liberty Church	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	6	444
1854	Mt. Gilead	Mose Lemon	" "	James Chance		
1855						
1856						
1857	Bethel		" "			
1858	Diamond Springs.	I A Dale	" "	J D P Hungate		
1859	Shoal Creek					
1860	Marshall's Creek	A J McClelland	I H Dale	Jas McHaney		
1861	Liberty	W J Goldsboro	Jesse R Ford			
1862						
1863	Bethel Church	W J Goldsboro	" "	Symth Moore	34	402
1864	Fosterburg	I A Dale	Levi Elliott			
1865	Diamond Springs.	Jesse R Dale	Jesse R Ford	Jas McHaney	9	367
1866	Shoal Creek	G W Coker	G W Coker	Jesse R Ford	102	514
1867	Union Church	I A Dale	Levi Elliott	Smyth Moore	31	383
1868	Beavercreek	G W Coker	G W Coker	Jesse R Ford	26	360
1869	Marshall's Creek	I A Dale	Levi Elliott	G W Coker	50	500
1870	Walshville	Jesse R Ford	G W Coker	Jesse R Ford	92	524
1871	Zion Hill	A J Sitton	Jesse R Ford	John Anderick	31	515
1872	Union church	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	19	478
1873	Bethel	Levi Elliott	" "	W R "	26	476
1874	Diamond Springs.	I A Dale	Levi Elliott	G N Sanders	32	448
1875	Shobonier	W R Anderick	Jesse R Ford	W R Anderick	50	377
1876	Beavercreek	J J Boles	Levi Elliott	" "	33	435
1877	Zion Hill	Levi Elliott	Jesse R Ford	Jas McHaney	9	343
1878	Marshall's Creek	J C Carter	" "	W R Anderick	78	478
1879	Diamond Springs.	W R Anderick	Levi Elliott	" "	35	485
1880	Bethel church	J C Carter	" "	G E Lester	20	429
1881	Marshall's Creek	R C Keele	Jesse R Ford	John Anderick	31	639
1882	Salem	G Frederick	G Frederick	J W Hough	43	700
1883	Zion Hill	Jesse R Ford	" "	" "	67	800
1884	Carlyle	E S Graham	" "	John Anderick	203	913
1885	Smith's Grove	W W Williams	W Williams	" "	93	1004
1886	Wisetown	J R Keele	" "	" "	109	1104
1887	Diamond Springs.	H B Foskett	H B Foskett	D G Perrine	27	1082
1888	Marshall's Creek	J J Boles	" "	" "	54	1092
1889	Salem	Warren Wise	J M Billingsly	A E Ford	40	857
1890	Centralia	J R Keele	R G Echols	" "	61	1045
1891	Shobonier	S E Davis	" "	Carrie E Perrine	69	1140
1892	Patoka	" "	S E Davis	" "	28	1086
1893	Bethany	W D Stephens	" "	W D Stevens	61	1130
1894	Bethel	W Hay	W Hay	J W Talbert		1156
1895	Wisetown	J J Boles	W E Wise	J C Carter	104	1230
1896	Zion Hill	W E Wise	" "	" "	57	1149
1897	Carlyle	G W Wise	" "	" "	63	1307
1898	Diamond Springs.	C A Rice	" "	" "	53	1160
1899	Marshall's Creek	J B Webb	" "	J B Webb	57	1217
1900	Smith's Grove	J C Myers	" "	" "	98	1515
1901	Patoka	J B Webb	" "	A Rollins	61	1219
1902	Vandalia	J R Kelley	" "	V Colbert	102	1354
1903	Wisetown	G M Clements	" "	" "	78	1323
1904	Zion Hill	V Colbert	" "	" "	87	1467
1905	Shobonier	E J Brownson	J K Kelley	V Colbert	69	1438

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Statistics of Centralia Baptist Association

Eld. J. R. Kelly, Moderator; address Kinmundy, Ill.; Eld. V. Colbert, Clerk; address Beaver Creek, Ill.
Next Anniversary: Place, Fairman, Ill. Time, Thursday, 10 a. m., before third Sunday in September, 1906.

Churches and Date of Organization.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Church Clerks and Postoffices.	Sunday School Superintendents.	MEMBERSHIP. Increase. Baptism.	Letter	Experience Restoration.	Decrease. Letter.	Exclusion Erasure.	Death.	Total.	Non-resident.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Baptised from School.	CHURCH PROPERTY. Value of Church Edifice	Value of other Property.	Total value of property.	Debt.	Church & S. S. Finance. Current Exp.	Other Items.	S. S. Expense.	Total.	CONTRIBUTION FOR ALL BENEFICENT OBJECTS. State Missions	American Baptist Home Mission Society	Women's B. H. M. Society	Mis. Union or Foreign Missions	Women's B. F. M. Society	Publication Society	Christian Education	Aged Ministers Home	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total for Beneficence	Grand Total for all Objects
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